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TAGS: PEPR, PINS, CG

SUBJ: SHABA INCURSION: US INDERTAKINGS TO FRANCE

1. IN CONNECTION WITH ZAIRIAN, FRENCH AND BELGIAN OFFICIAL

REQUESTS ASSISTANCE AT KOLWEZI, USG HAS UNDERTAKEN
FOLLOWING COMMITMENTS:

WITH GOB: TO DELIVER FROM BELGIUM TO KAMINA AB ZAIRE:

(A) 50 TONS OF CARGO (MOSTLY MUNITIONS);

(B) TO POSITION AT KAMINA AB 120 TONS OF JP-1 FUEL PER
DAY FOR THREE DAYS; THIS FUEL TO BE SHUTTLED BY US C-141
AIRCRAFT FROM KINSHASA TO KAMINA;

(C) TO DELIVER FROM BELGIUM TO KAMINA AN ADDITIONAL TEN
TONS OF FUEL, ONE HELO AND ONE TRUCK.

WITH FRANCE:

(A) 20 C-141 SORTIES TO CARRY 312 TONS GENERAL CARGO
(MOSTLY VEHICLES) AND 120 FRENCH MILITARY PERSONNEL
(DRIVERS AND VEHICLES) FROM CORSICA TO LUBUMBASHI;

2. WITHIN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WE SHALL HAVE FULFILLED
THESE COMMITMENTS IN FULL. WE ARE NOW ASSESSING THE
FUTURE COURSE OF EVENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SHABA, AND
IN THAT CONTEXT WOULD LIKE TO ANTICIPATE ANY ADDITIONAL
SUPPORT REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND BELGIUM
MAY BE CONTEMPLATING.

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3. ADDRESSEES SHOULD REVIEW THESE EXISTING COMMITMENTS
WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO BRING OUT, WITHOUT
STIMULATING, ANY THOUGHTS THEY MAY HAVE ABOUT ADDITIONAL
REQUESTS. IN SO DOING, YOU SHOULD AVOID GIVING THE
IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE EITHER SOLICITING FURTHER REQUESTS
OR THAT WE WOULD NECESSARILY BE IN A POSITION TO HONOR
THEM IF RECEIVED. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT, HAVING BEEN
FULLY RESPONSIVE TO THEIR REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY LOGISTICAL
SUPPORT DURING THE CRITICAL, INITIAL PHASES OF THEIR
OPERATIONS, WE WOULD NOW PREFER TO END OUR SUPPORT ACT-
IVITIES. IF THERE IS SOME CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT WE WOULD,
OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO EXAMINE FURTHER SPECIFIC REQUESTS
ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. VANCE

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